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OPTIMIZE SUPPORT AND METHOD OF  
MAKING SUCH STENTS  
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

SIR:

Prior to the mailing of a first Office Action, please  
consider the remarks below.

In the claims:

Please cancel claims 1-47 and 49-50.

Please amend claim 48 as follows:

1 48. (amended) An expandable stent for treating a lumen having a  
2 non-uniform radial force, comprising: a plurality of interconnected  
3 flexible cells defining a stent having a proximal end and a distal  
4 end and a longitudinal axis, the cells arranged in a plurality of  
5 interconnected flexible rows [defining a stent having a proximal end  
6 and a distal end and a longitudinal axis] disposed along the  
7 longitudinal axis of the stent with a distal row disposed at the  
8 distal end of the stent and a proximal row disposed at the proximal